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should be read carefully by all travelers to Venezuela. The portions treating of the several industries and of trade are comprehensive and filled with concise information not obtainable elsewhere. The several commercial districts are treated intimately and at length. The Dutch West Indies are here treated because of their proximity to Venezuela and because they lie in the same general trade district with that country. The entire work is the result of personal investigation in Venezuela.

Because of its excellence, this should be a desk book for all exporters, manufacturers, and investors of the United States who are interested in South America. It should also be on the shelves of all teachers of Hispanic American history, because of its basic background material. By all means, should it become a text book in all educational institutions which give courses in foreign trade. A rare service has been performed by the government in its publication.

JAMES ALEXANDER ROBERTSON.

Glimpses of South America. By F. A. SHERWOOD. (New York: The Century Co., 1920. Pp. ix, 406. Illus.; index. \$4.00.)

This volume is well named. It is the result of random notes made by its author during two visits to South America. On these two visits he says that he simply followed the beaten track, going into no out-of-the-way places nor enjoying any special privileges. While his visits have been longer than those of the usual traveler, they have not, he says modestly, been long enough for him to interpret the real significance of the contemporaneous life that is going on from year to year in South America. Because his notes, which were jotted down originally merely for the personal amusement of the author, cover exactly the ground that would be covered by the ordinary traveler from the United States, they have been polished up and made into the present volume.

The book, so the author states in his preface (from which the foregoing has been taken), is an unconventional and informal one. However, it is an extremely interesting volume, partly because of this fact, and partly because Mr. Sherwood has had the faculty of careful observation. He has a happy sense of humor which he has not taken pains to exclude from his notes as published. A glance at his table of contents gives no indication of the contents and style of treatment, and the reader, unless warned by the preface (which some through habit will probably skip, thereby depriving themselves in this instance of a pleasure) will come upon a field of nuggets from the outset.

The notes take us to Kingston and Panama, Peru and Chile, over the

Andes to Buenos Aires, to Montevideo, to Rio de Janeiro, and home again. The description of the journey over the Andes is of especial interest and is well related. The notes on Argentina and its capital take up considerably more space than any other region. The reader should not miss the description of the inland Argentine city of Mendoza. The artistic appearance of the city of Buenos Aires impressed Mr. Sherwood continually, and he refers again and again to this. Its cosmopolitanism also comes in for mention. Throughout many a quaint incident is related and much useful information imparted.

In his note on the Spanish spoken in Argentina (pp. 295-296), the author falls into a slight inaccuracy in ascribing the "j" sound given to the liquid "ll" and to the "y" to Argentine usage. These sound are heard constantly in Andalusia and in other parts of Old Spain, and are, moreover, in common use among the Spanish gypsies. They are, therefore, an importation from the mother country, but may, of course have become accentuated in Argentina. One must always distinguish between the Castilian Spanish and that of other parts of Spain.

This is not a guidebook—a fact distinctly stated by the author—but it is a book to take along with the guidebook, and when serious and humorless companions and regular guidebooks pall, to open and enjoy—and, withal, enjoy with advantage. The historian will find no history of special note in it, and the economist will find no carefully digested economic facts. But they, as well as common travelers who go to enjoy and, perchance, to gain new laurels in business, will find it a pleasant companion.

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The Gulf of Misunderstanding, or North and South America as seen by each other. By TANCREDO PINOCHET. (New York: Boni & Liveright, 1920. Pp. vii, 275, \$2.50.)

The author of this book is the Spanish editor of the monthly paper called *The South American*, which is published in New York. The volume was written in Spanish and translated into English, appearing first in monthly installments in the paper above mentioned. The translation we are told in a special announcement, was made by Cecilia M. Brennan and William Sachs, while Charles Evers, editor of *The South American*, "guided by the Spanish version, revised and polished the English text". The result has been a very readable and interesting text.

This is not a story. It is rather a series of essays on the viewpoint